



# Huntsville, Alabama

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Huntsville, AL 35801

## Cover Memo

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**Department:** City Council

**Subject:**

**Type of Action:** Approval/Action

Resolution honoring the extraordinary legacy of Mr. Walker McGinnis.

Resolution No.

**Finance Information:**

**Account Number:** N/A

**City Cost Amount:** N/A

**Total Cost:** N/A

**Special Circumstances:**

**Grant Funded:** N/A

**Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency:** N/A

**Resolution #:** N/A

**Location: (list below)**

**Address:** N/A

**District:** District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

**Additional Comments:**

N/A

## **RESOLUTION 25 -**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are saddened by the passing of Community leader, Mr. Walker McGinnis and wish to honor his remarkable achievements and legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGinnis was a proud alumnus of Huntsville City Schools and often reflected on the positive impact his education had on his early years. He went on to graduate from Rhodes College but soon found himself back in the city he loved to fulfil his purpose to make Huntsville schools a safe and engaging environment for every student; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a dedicated educator and community leader. Mr. McGinnis spent over 36 years serving Huntsville City Schools in various roles, including Principal of Chapman Middle School, Assistant Principal at Whitesburg Middle School and Grissom High School, and as a coach who inspired young athletes; and

**WHEREAS**, he gained national recognition as a speaker on Special Education and Section 504 regulations, authoring the Huntsville City Schools Section 504 Resource Guide in 1998. His commitment to education earned him the Outstanding Administrator award in 2006 from the Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers.; and

**WHEREAS**; after retiring, he continued serving his community as the elected representative for District 4 on the Huntsville City School Board from 2014 to 2021. In 2021, McGinnis resigned from the school board due to health concerns, choosing to focus on his family, including his four grandchildren. Despite stepping down, he thoughtfully continued to offer wisdom and guidance to those who sought his advice; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McGinnis also served 20 years as a Signal Corps officer in the Alabama National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Major. Despite health challenges, McGinnis' dedication to education remained unwavering, stating that his work with Huntsville City Schools helped him grow as much as he gave. He expressed pride in the district's progress under its leadership and shared his gratitude for the opportunity to impact lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, recognize the extraordinary life and legacy of Mr. Walker McGinnis and honor his unceasing service to the community.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the City Council of  
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama